

REMARKS

Subsequent to entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1-18 are presented for an examination on the merits. New claims 11-18 are introduced in order to claim the subject matter of original multiple dependent claim 10.

The foregoing amendments eliminate the multiple dependent claim format so as to avoid the concomitant surcharge therefor. Entry and consideration of this Preliminary Amendment are respectfully requested, and an examination in due course is earnestly solicited.

Please charge any additional fees due to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Respectfully submitted,



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